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CHIGNIK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY UPDATE # 03

The ADF&G conducted the first Chignik Lagoon test fishery of the 2012 season on June 4. Harvests were as follows:

<u>Set</u>	<u>Number of sockeye salmon</u>
Mensis Point	141
Humes Point	136
Island	20
Ole's Point	132
Dago	0
Rocky Point	No Set
Dropoff	0
Bar	80
Ocean Beach	38
Total	547

These results indicate there is not a substantial build up of sockeye salmon in Chignik Lagoon. The next test fishery will occur on June 6 or 7.

The date and time of the first Chignik Management Area commercial salmon fishing period will depend on Chignik River sockeye salmon escapement levels and Chignik Lagoon test fishery results over the next week. If possible, a 48-hour notice will be given prior to the first commercial fishing period. However, fishermen should be prepared for a 24-hour notice given the rapid changes in escapement levels common to this time of year.

Statistical charts, harvest strategies, and subsistence fishing permits are available at the Chignik weir and the Kodiak regional ADF&G offices. Commercial fishing regulations, salmon harvest, escapement, and news releases can be found on the ADF&G website at <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareachignik.salmon>. Fishermen are encouraged to standby on VHF Channel 6 at 9:15 a.m. and 6:15 p.m. daily for fishery updates.

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